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For: Human Spinal Disc Prosthesis with Hinges	§	Conf. No. 7910

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
**MAILED SEPTEMBER 9, 2009**

**I. Introductory Remarks**

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Final Office action of September 9, 2009 and accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

The RCE is hereby requested and the corresponding fee is included herewith. No other fees are believed necessary for consideration of the present paper. However, if any other fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

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